

567—81.11 (455B) Certification by reciprocity.

81.11(1) *Other states' mandatory certification programs.* For applicants who have been certified under other states' mandatory certification programs, the equivalency of which has been previously reviewed and accepted by the department, certification in an appropriate classification and grade, without examination, will be recommended. The applicant must have successfully completed an examination generally equivalent to the Iowa examination and must meet the education and experience qualifications established by the director.

81.11(2) *Other states' voluntary certification programs.* For applicants who have been certified under voluntary certification programs in other states, certification in an appropriate class will be considered. The applicant must have successfully completed an examination generally equivalent to the Iowa examination and must meet the education and experience qualifications established by the director. The director may require the applicant to successfully complete the Iowa examination.

81.11(3) Reciprocity application.

a. All applicants. Applicants who seek Iowa certification pursuant to subrule 81.11(1) or 81.11(2) shall submit an Operator Certification Reciprocity Application accompanied by a letter requesting certification pursuant to these subrules. Application for certification pursuant to 81.11(1) and 81.11(2) shall be received by the director in accordance with these subrules. The applicant shall be certified at the appropriate grade pursuant to subrule 81.7(1).

b. Veteran applicants. An applicant who is a veteran shall submit an Operator Certification Reciprocity Application pursuant to paragraph 81.11(3) "a" and shall also provide such documentation as is needed to verify the applicant's status as a veteran under Iowa Code section 35.1(2). The veteran's application shall be given priority and shall be expedited.

81.11(4) *Certification obtained through reciprocity.* An applicant who obtains certification in Iowa through reciprocity and subsequently allows the certification to lapse will be required to reapply for certification in accordance with 567—81.10(455B).